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SUBJECT: TURKISH VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE

1. UNFICYP AMBASSADOR WECKMAN AT 2230 TELEPHONED ME TO SAY MOST DANGEROUS SITUATION ARISING. UNFYCYP HAD TAKEN POSSESSION OF AIRPORT AT CONSIDERABLE RISK TO DEPUTY FORCE COMMANDER. TURKS FINALLY AGREED TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM AREA TO MPRPHOU ROAD. NATIONAL GUARD EVACUATED AREA. NOW TURKISH MILITARY COMMANDER IS CHARGING THAT UNFICYP HAS EXCEEDED MANDATE AND THREATENS TO SEIZE AIRPORT. UNFICYP FORCE STRENGTH AT AIRPORT ONLY SEVENTY MEN. WECKMAN ALSO FEELS THERE IS EVIDENCE TURKS INTEND TOMORROW TO MOVE INTO BELLAPAI ABOVE KYRENIA.

2. WECKMAN SAYS THAT TURKISH MILITARY COMMANDER REFUSES TO TALK TO UN DIRECTLY AND, INDEED, TURK AMBASSADOR INHAN ALLEGES HE HAS NEVER SEEN HIM AND DENKTASH CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN HIM ONLY ONCE. SOLE CHANNEL TO HIM IS INDIRECTLY THROUGH INHAM WHO CLEARLY HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE.

3. WECKMAN SAYS SHOTS BEING CALLED BY TSG AND THAT EVEN ECEVIT BEING DECEIVED AS EVIDENCED BY HIS BALD DENIAL OF TURK ATTACK

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ON AIRPORT AFTER YESTERDAY'S CEASE FIRE.

4. I TOLD WECKMAN THAT WASHINGTON ALREADY AWARE OF THREATS CITED AND I HOPED COULD BRING SOME INFLUENCE TO BEAR.

5. WECKMAN FEARS SITUATION SUCH THAT DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION WITH TURKISH CIVILIAN EDIFICE NOT LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE AND HOPES THAT PRESSURE CAN BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY ON TSG THROUGH NATO ACTION.

6. I TOLD WECKMAN HIS REPORT AND VIEWS WOULD BE SENT DEPARTMENT SOONEST. I ALSO CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE MAGNIFICENT JOB BEING DONE BY UNFICYP IN THIS CHAOTIC SITUATION AND SAID WE WOULD SEEK TO SUPPORT HIS EFFORTS AS WE COULD.

COMMENT: UNFICYP'S INITIATIVES UNDER WECKMAN'S LEADERSHIP ARE REFRESHING CHANGE FROM PAST POSTURES. HE STRIKES ME AS EXTREMELY ABLE, TOUGH, AND UNFLAPPABLE. THIS IS TIME WHEN HE NEEDS FULLEST SUPPORT IN TERMS OF GETTING TURKISH MILITARY UNDER CONTROL. MY FEELING IS THAT TGS MORE LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO U.S. MILITARY CHANNELS THAN NATO.

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